

STIMSON OPPOSES BAN ON LOAN OF NAVY

Late News Bulletins

Auto Show Canceled Due to Defense Work

DETROIT (P).—The Automobile Manufacturers' Association today announced cancellation of the National Automobile Show, customarily held in New York's Grand Central Palace, because of the pressure of defense work in the various factories.

McHale's 143 Leads San Francisco Open

SAN FRANCISCO (P).—Jim McHale of Philadelphia posted a 3-under-par 69 today which, with a first-round 74, gave him a 36-hole total of 143 and an early lead in the \$5,000 San Francisco open. Most of the field had not reported.

German Night Raiders Visit London

LONDON (P).—London's second air raid alarm of the night sounded shortly before 10:30 p.m. (4:30 p.m., E. S. T.), and anti-aircraft guns went into action again. Indications that the night attack was spreading to other parts of England were seen in reports that enemy planes were also heard over a town in the west.

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President Asks \$36,000,000 for Cargo Ships

Request Is First To Finance 200 Emergency Vessels

By JOHN C. HENRY.

President Roosevelt asked Congress this afternoon for an immediate appropriation to cover up to \$36,000,000 in initial contracts under the recently announced program for Federal construction of 200 cargo ships.

The request was contained in a message to Congress informing it officially of the emergency ship-building project which the President announced to a press conference about 10 days ago.

The Chief Executive informed the legislators today "that the national interest demands that immediate steps be taken upon an emergency basis to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible shortage of cargo vessels."

The program for building 200 such ships, of a type and design which may be completed with a minimum of delay, is the initial step in meeting this threatened condition.

\$500,000 Already Allocated.

Declaring he had consulted with the Office of Production Management, new supreme defense agency, the President then informed Congress he also had referred the matter to the Maritime Commission, which will have jurisdiction over the construction, \$500,000 from an emergency fund available to the President. In addition, he said, he had authorized the commission to enter into contracts to the extent of \$36,000,000.

"An immediate appropriation is necessary for the payment of such contracts," he said, "and the proposed resolution provides that the appropriation contained therein shall be available for their liquidation and other expenditures pursuant to this program."

Estimating that total cost of the program will be \$350,000,000, the President added, "the \$313,500,000 (See SHIPS, Page 2-X.)"

Russians Deny Building Ships for American Goods

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Responsible Soviet sources in London denied today that Russia was building or buying 200 merchant ships to transport produce from the Americas to Russian ports.

"The Soviet has enough ships of its own," said one, "to transport its needs."

Yesterday the British Minister of Economic Warfare, Hugh Dalton, was said to be investigating a report that the Soviet proposed to form a 200-ship fleet to carry products from the Americas—principally grain from South America.

Asserting Russia's industries are growing steadily, the Soviet source said "we need oil, cotton and dozens of other imports from the United States and other nations to maintain our production." He suggested, however, that it was no business of Britain's how Russia transported them.

Search Off Brazil Fails To Find Italian Airliner

By the Associated Press.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16.—Brazilian ships and airplanes searching the coast today found no trace of the Italian airliner Italo, forced to alight with a disabled motor, or any of the 10 persons aboard the craft.

Crane Beats Fitzpatrick In Billiards Match

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Irving Crane, Rochester, N. Y., won his first victory in the world's three-cushion billiards championship today by defeating John Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles, 50 to 49 in 57 innings.

Crane, who had lost his first two starts, had a high run of five to a best string of six for his opponent, who lost his first contest in two starts.

R. A. F. Attacks Town 200 Miles West of Tobruk

Big Fires Reported Started at Bengasi; Airdrome Raided

(Earlier Stories on Page A-1.)

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 16.—British bombers and fighting planes, protecting the ground forces as they pass around Tobruk, Libya, for a final assault on that important Italian base, have made two smashing attacks on Bengasi and another on Benina Airdrome, a Royal Air Force communiqué said today.

"In the forward area between Tobruk and Derna our fighters maintained constant patrols, but no engagements with the enemy took place," the communiqué said.

The aerial activity also was carried on in Italian East Africa where Alsos was raided Tuesday night and bombs were dropped on stores and warehouses. Asmara was attacked Monday night.

Bengasi lies 200 miles west of Tobruk and it is there that the Italians are believed to be shaping new lines of resistance in the event Tobruk should fall. Benina is the town's airdrome.

Bombs were centered on the Bengasi water front and shipping, it was said, with "large fires" resulting among buildings around customs houses. Bombs were reported to have straddled government buildings and a heavy explosion occurred at the base of the main mole in Bengasi Harbor.

"On the return journey our aircraft machine gunned Benina Airdrome," the communiqué added. Two Italian planes were destroyed by fire and a "number" of others damaged, it said.

Falls on Icy Streets Here Send Seven to Hospitals

(Earlier Story on Page A-2.)

Seven additional persons were treated at hospitals here today for injuries received in falls on the icy streets. Several were seriously hurt.

L. Hoyt Lamb, 60, of 5613 Fourteenth street N.W., was one of four taken to Casualty Hospital. He was under treatment for possibly broken ribs suffered in a fall in the 600 block of Sixth street N.W.

Others treated at the same hospital were John R. Eheart, 39, of 414 Tenth street S.E., possible fractured ankle; Swald Corzot, 28, of the 700 block of Seventh street S.E., laceration above the left eye, and Walter A. Saunders, 35, of 215 Eighth street S.E., possible fractured shoulder.

Emergency Hospital treated Mrs. Rena M. Day, 43, of 2132 Branch avenue S.E., for a hip injury, and Lester Dempsey, 26, colored, 2317 Virginia avenue N.W., who sprained his left knee.

Mrs. Margaret Lamb, 45, of 133 Carroll avenue S.E., was taken to Providence Hospital for treatment if a possibly broken arm.

Four Believed Dead In Chinatown Fire

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Four persons were believed to have died today in a fire which destroyed the interior of three buildings in the heart of Chinatown.

Firemen said three bodies had been removed from the smoldering buildings and that one more was thought still inside. The fire covered the lower East Side section of Manhattan with a pall of black smoke.

3 Hurt in Fire Blamed On Oil Stove Explosion

Three persons, including a fireman, were injured today afternoon when fire, believed by an exploding oil stove, gutted a two-story frame house in the 600 block of Barry place N.W.

Herford White, 47, colored, was admitted to Freedmen's Hospital with second-degree burns and Annie Quest, 27, colored, was treated for a sprained back and bruises received when she jumped from a second-floor window, police reported.

Fireman Leon H. Winstead, 35, 1287 Brentwood road N.E., was treated for a lacerated knee.



BLOOM'S TEMPER FLARES IN CLASH WITH FISH—Here is pictured the height of a display of anger in the House Foreign Affairs Committee during hearings on the lend-lease bill. Chairman Bloom (to right of Capitol policeman) is shown in action during the sharp interchange with Representative Fish, Republican, of New York, next to him, with head down, apparently enjoying the situation, Representative Tinkham, Republican, of Massachusetts (with beard), to right of Mr. Fish, seems to be chuckling, and Representative Shanley, Democrat, of Connecticut is leaning forward. In foreground are newspapermen and spectators.

—A. P. Photo.

Army Applying Actual Tests To Air Raid Shelters in U. S.

By the Associated Press.

Air Corps. The squadron will have about 400 enlisted men in the ground force, about 33 pilots and 27 planes, which is the normal strength of a pursuit squadron.

Mr. Patterson said formation of this squadron is in line with Army policy to have colored units in every arm of the service.

The enlisted men will be given their ground training at Chanute Field, Ill. After some months of training they will be sent to Tuskegee, Ala., for flying instruction. A special training field is to be established at Tuskegee Institute.

Pilots for the squadron will be selected from colored men who have completed the secondary course of the Civil Aeronautics Authority program.

Mr. Patterson said the proposed Army of 1,418,000 men will be fully equipped with all "basic weapons" early in 1942. As the men come into equipment at hand for all training purposes.

He added that the only new delay in addition of National Guard units is being encountered in connection with the 40th Division, made up of California, Utah and Nevada troops. Extremely bad weather has delayed completion of its training camp and induction has been postponed to March 3.

Negro Air Unit Planned.

The undersecretary also revealed that the Army is about to form its first Negro pursuit squadron in the

Racing Results

Rossval's, Other Selections and Entries for Tomorrow, Page 2X.

Hialeah Park

By the Associated Press.

FIRST RACE—Purse, \$1,200; maidens 2-year-olds; 6 furlongs (out of chute). Media Luna (Arcaro) 7.90 4.50 4.20 Sir War (Hawley) 3.00 2.50 2.50

SECOND RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs out of the chute. Gold Mesh (Kinsley) 9.20 3.90 4.00 Gramme Cracker (Meade) 4.20 4.20 4.20

THIRD RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Here Again (Harrell) 48.50 21.10 9.30 Star Ending (Garnier) 4.50 3.50 3.50

FOURTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs out of the chute. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

FIFTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

SIXTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

SEVENTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

EIGHTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

NINTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

TENTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

ELEVENTH RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

Twelfth RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

Thirteenth RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

Fourteenth RACE—Purse, \$1,200; claiming 3-year-olds and up; 7 furlongs. Interference (Eads) 7.70 5.80 3.50 Interference (Kaufman) 8.50 4.40 4.40

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Non-Aggression Pact Is Signed by Chile And Bolivia

By the Associated Press.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Jan. 16.—Bolivia and Chile signed a non-aggression pact today, closing a five-year campaign by Bolivia to improve relations with its neighbors following the 1932-1935 Chaco War with Paraguay.

The pact was signed by Alberto Ostria Gutierrez, Bolivian Foreign Minister, and Manuel Bianchi, Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Since the Chaco War, Bolivia has signed a series of agreements for improved transit facilities, better commercial relations and closer political and cultural relations with Argentina, Peru and Paraguay.

The new treaty binds Bolivia and Chile to settle any differences by peaceful means and reaffirms their adherence to the 1922 inter-American declaration of non-recognition of territorial conquests by force, and to other pan-American peace agreements.

The treaty also reaffirms their adherence to the 1933 Pan-American Convention which said that no state had the right to intervene in the internal or external affairs of other nations. This convention was directed against intervention to force collection of debts.

A cultural agreement also was signed today under which Bolivia and Chile will exchange professors and students. A further agreement provided for establishment of a mixed commission to recommend bases for a commercial treaty.

Roland R. Harrison Dies; Christian Science Editor

By the Associated Press.

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Roland R. Harrison, 62, who became administrative editor of the Christian Science Monitor in 1939, after serving 10 years as manager of the Christian Science Publishing Society, died today.

In 1929 he was chosen vice president of Press Wireless, Inc., and was active in development of this organization, now expanding into a major transmission service with world-wide facilities.

Born in Smithville, N. Y., and graduated from Cornell University, he came to the Monitor in 1922 after serving with the Brooklyn Standard-Union, the New York Times and the New York Herald, where he was day city editor and subsequently night city editor. He served as news editor and executive editor of the Monitor and had been a member of its editorial board since 1927.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Hortense Long Harrison, and two children, Frances Pauline and Joseph Graham Harrison, a member of the Monitor's Washington Bureau. Funeral services will be held at Story Chapel, Mount Auburn Cemetery, at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Morgenthau Indorses Holding Company Bill

By the Associated Press.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau today indorsed "100 per cent" a bill introduced by Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, to restrict bank holding companies.

Asked whether the Treasury was the actual source of the bill, the Secretary said, "How can I go any further than say I am 100 per cent for its provisions?"

Senator Glass said he had introduced the bill at some one else's request. It would require bank holding companies to divest themselves by June 30, 1944, of all but 10 per cent of the stock they own in any one bank.

Bloom and Fish Clash Angriely On 'Dictator Bill' Witnesses

By the Associated Press.

Chairman Bloom and Representative Fish, Republican, of New York, clashed with hot words and angry accusations today the House Foreign Affairs Committee's handling of President Roosevelt's bill to aid Great Britain.

The outburst came as the committee finished taking testimony from Secretary of War Stimson.

Representative Bloom announced the committee would hold an executive session in the afternoon to discuss procedure. Mr. Fish brought up the question of hearing eight witnesses next week, including Wendell L. Willkie, the Republicans' 1940 presidential nominee.

Mr. Fish's reference to these eight set off an argument as to whether Mr. Bloom had authorized Mr. Fish to "go ahead" and invite witnesses.

The disagreement was developing warmly in the "No, I didn't" and "Yes, you did" manner when Mr. Bloom asked whether it was true that Mr. Fish had called the aid measure "the President's dictator bill."

"Of course, it's a dictator bill," Mr. Fish said.

"Your statement is absurd," Mr. Bloom shot back.

"I'm 100 per cent right," Mr. Fish contended.

"When you say this is a dictator bill," Mr. Bloom shouted, "you're wrong."

Mr. Fish used this phrase several days ago in sending telegrams to prominent persons he was urging to appear at the hearings.

"If they are going to testify on a President's dictator bill, then they won't testify, because there is no such bill," Mr. Bloom asserted.

At about that point Representative Johnson, Democrat, of Texas, leaned over the committee table and boomed at Mr. Fish:

"That question of witnesses is a question the whole committee will decide—not just one man. What's all this row about? Just to get in the newspapers?"

Shortly thereafter, the committee completed its deliberations, adjourned its morning session and went to lunch.

Del Rio Fire May Bring Check of County Hazards

(Earlier Story on Page B-1.)

A general inquiry as to what safety precautions have been taken by proprietors of Prince Georges County's amusement centers to protect their patrons probably will be undertaken by county officials as a result of the fire which demolished the Del Rio Restaurant at Bladensburg this morning.

No details of the inquiry are available as yet, but it is known that county officials conferred after the fire and discussed the advisability of such an inquiry.

Alarmed over the rapidity with which the fire which demolished the building spread after it first was discovered, the question arose in the minds of officials as to whether other establishments have taken adequate precautions to handle such a situation.

It was learned that the investigation will center chiefly around the county's building regulations, particularly as to whether they are sufficiently strict and as to the type of congestion of amusement places where large numbers of people congregate.

German Bishop Will Go To Rome To See Pope

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—The Bishop of Munster, Count Clemens von Galen, is preparing to leave for Rome within the next few days on invitation of Pope Pius XII, reliable sources said tonight.

Whether other leaders of the Catholic Church in Germany also will go to Rome is still uncertain, it was said. It was regarded as probable, however, that they would go and the impression prevailed there would either be a conference of German bishops at the Vatican or that they would be received individually.

Sports by Radio

For latest news in the world of sports tune in on The Star Sports Review on WMAL, with Ray Michael at the microphone. This feature may be heard daily at 6 p.m.

Says Conditions Might Call for Ships' Transfer

Tinkham Charges Roosevelt and Hull With 'Betrayal'

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

Secretary of War Stimson objected today to writing into the lease-lend bill any prohibition against releasing American warships to Britain or any other nation because he said he could foresee conditions which might make it desirable that the Navy be "transferred."

He stated his position to the House Foreign Affairs Committee before which he appeared in support of the administration measure.

He also told the committee in response to a question by Representative Fish, Republican, of New York that "I think we are in very great danger of an invasion by air in the contingency that the British Navy should be destroyed or surrendered."

Tinkham Charges Betrayal. Later Representative Tinkham, Republican, of Massachusetts, who has been opposing the lease-lend bill at the hearings, carried his fight to the floor of the House with this assertion:

"I oppose this carefully planned involvement of the United States in war, the cynical flouting of international law on the plea of expediency, and the totalitarian dictatorship bill just proposed to Congress by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull."

"The whole conduct is reprehensible. I charge that President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull have betrayed the American people and in been disloyal and traitorous to the United States, its integrity, its Constitution, its institutions, its traditions and its safety."

As he spoke, the Foreign Affairs Committee was in executive session to discuss the procedure for the remainder of the hearing, which recessed at noon until tomorrow morning after Secretary Stimson's testimony.

Series of Overt Acts Cited. Mr. Tinkham's bitter attack on the President and Secretary of State charged them with a series of "overt acts," beginning with the President's speech at Chicago in October, 1937, in which he proposed that aggressor nations be quarantined.

He asserted the second overt act was revealed when Winston Churchill told the British Parliament in March, 1938, that agreement had been made for the "pooling" of the American and British fleets in case of war in Europe.

He charged that in April, 1939, the United States and Great Britain "entered into a political alliance" in the form of the agreement, "joint control" over the strategically located Enderbury and Canton Islands, and he called this the third overt act.

The fourth, he said, came when the United States notified Japan in July, 1939, of the abrogation of the commercial treaty with that country.

Time Out Called in Fight Over Missouri Governor. (Earlier Story on Page A-5.)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—The Missouri Legislature recessed for the rest of the week today while its puzzled Democratic majority considered new strategy to avoid turning over the Governor's chair to a Republican.

Brief, perfunctory sessions were held today by a House and Senate shocked to a standstill by the action of Gov. Lloyd C. Stark, a Democrat, in vetoing a resolution to withhold the office from Mr. Donnell pending an investigation of alleged election irregularities.

Democratic leaders rushed to Attorney General Roy McKittick for an opinion on Gov. Stark's right to veto the resolution. Gov. Stark backed up his action with the expressed intention of keeping a tight hold on the purse strings, leaving the appointed investigation committee without funds for its work.

Gov. Stark insisted his veto was backed "by what I consider the best legal advice in the State," as he shuffled a stack of telegrams congratulating his action.

"Most of them are from Democrats, too," he grinned.

Indians Save Life Of Sheepherder Shot in Snow

By the Associated Press.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., Jan. 16.—J. Blas Griego, a sheepherder in the timbered Jemez Mountain country, owes his life to Navajo Indians.

The sheepherder was wounded accidentally in the abdomen last Tuesday during a heavy snowstorm more than 100 miles northwest of here. His sheep dog bumped against his rifle, discharging it.

Two feet of snow covered the 30 miles between Griego's camp and the village of Cuba. A group of Navajo Indians camping near the sheep camp built a crude sled. They placed Griego aboard and reached Cuba after a 24-hour battle against wind and snow.

The Indians called Sheriff Ramon Romero, who brought Griego to an Albuquerque hospital. Physicians reported today the sheepherder was weak from loss of blood, but probably would recover.

Mexico Ends Siesta Of Federal Workers To Save Electricity

By the Associated Press.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—That treasured privilege of Mexican government workers, the siesta, is no more.

The Ministry of Interior ruled today that all public offices must remain open straight through the day, with no looking up to go home for a nap.

By way of consolation it eliminated the old-style night office hours in order to conserve electricity.

Martin-Rosier Contest Hearings Open Tomorrow

By the Associated Press.

The Senate Elections Committee ordered today open hearings beginning tomorrow morning to choose between West Virginia's two nominees for the Senate seat vacated by M. M. Neely to become Governor of the State.

Clarence Martin of Martinsburg, appointee of former Gov. Homer A. Holt, was in the committee's anteroom when the decision was announced.

Dr. Joseph Rosier of Fairmont, nominated by Mr. Neely to be his successor, was at his home in Fairmont. He was expected to return to Washington in time for the hearings.

Supporters of both candidates insisted that legal points favored them in the contest, unprecedented in Senate history.

Markets at a Glance

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (P).—

Stocks heavy; industrials resume decline. Bonds lower; some rails resist. Foreign exchange quiet; generally unchanged.

Cotton easy; hedging and mill selling. Sugar lower; liquidation and hedging. Metals steady; spot tin slips a trifle. Wool tops higher; Boston trade and commission house buying.

CHICAGO.—Wheat lower; grain belt rains. Corn firm; country movement diminished. Hogs mostly 15-25 lower; top \$8.75. Cattle slow; mostly 25 lower.